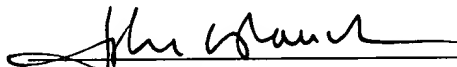


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-43 are subject to restriction requirement. By this paper, applicants have elected the invention of Group I, claims 1-6, as identified by the examiner in the Requirement for Restriction dated October 3, 2003. Accordingly, claims 7-43 are cancelled from prosecution without prejudice. Applicants respectfully retain the right to file one or more divisional or continuation patent applications including claims 7-43 during the pendency of the present application.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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